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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 26 February 2002, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

Please delete claims 1 - 15, inclusive, without prejudice.

Claim 16 (amended)

[The] A method of [claim 15 wherein the method further includes the steps of:] fabricating a surgical needle assembly for endodontic procedures including the steps of:

providing a tubular shaft;

die cutting said shaft to provide a surgical needle of predetermined length;

machining one end of said needle to provide a skived portion of predetermined length;

providing a hub member having a cup-like interior;

supplying an autoclavable adhesive to the cup-like interior of said hub member; and

inserting the opposite end in said adhesive for retention and support thereof by said hub member;

providing an angle-adjustment sleeve;

[supplying an autoclavable adhesive to the hub member;]

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